

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA



MAY NEWSLETTER

2010

The Pastor's Pen

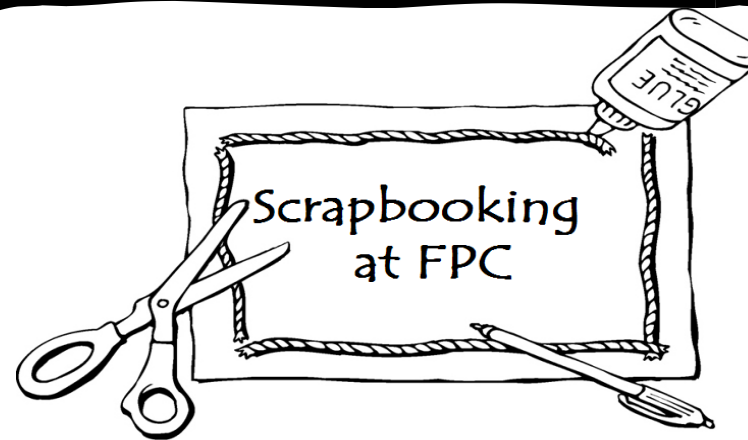
*"Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 106:1*

On April 18th, I celebrated my six month anniversary as your pastor. I can't begin to explain what joy I have experienced over the past six months in ministry at FPC. We have done a great deal of discovering about one another in these few months. I pray you are learning more about me, and I know I am learning much about you.

I read a letter yesterday from a friend of mine, and he made the profound statement: "God is good all the time." I believe truer words have never been spoken! God has been so good to us at First Presbyterian Church, and we are making a concerted effort to share God's goodness to those around us. In the past six months a new men's group has formed on Thursday mornings whose sole purpose is to grow in faith and fellowship (while eating breakfast). We have had artists emerge, and freely share their gifts on Saturday mornings with the community. We are now serving communion on a monthly basis to our neighbors at Kingsley Place. And we have even gathered together to study God's word in a church-wide study.

My brothers and sisters, we are doing great things. On April 4th we celebrated Easter Sunday together with all the joy and exuberance a resurrection morning deserves! Two of God's own were baptized into the fold, and many others sang their "Alleluias" amidst the fragrance of lilies. Yes, God *is* good all the time! I pray we will continue to learn more about God's goodness as we grow together in the love of Jesus Christ. May God bless you richly, and may His goodness surround you!

Your Sister in Christ,
Julia



Join us Saturdays in May
10am—Noon

John Allen has a talent and passion for creating beautiful collage to enhance beautiful poetry. He would like to share that passion with you, and teach you how he does collage.

There will be varieties of paper, fabric, paint, and plenty of work space. Come join the fun!! All ages welcome.

This is a free class, If you have scraps of paper, fabric, glitter, etc that you want to bring, great!

Don't miss the art on display!

Brandi Woolam and Waylon Smith
ignited a spark of creativity at FPC when
they taught an art class last month.

Be sure to look at the beautiful artwork on
display in our halls.



ART SHOW



Saturday, May 8
8 am—Noon

Join us for a church wide clean-up day.
Put on your yard clothes and bring your
garden tools to help spruce up our
grounds.

Contact Dave Conner
with any questions.



Welcome
New Member!

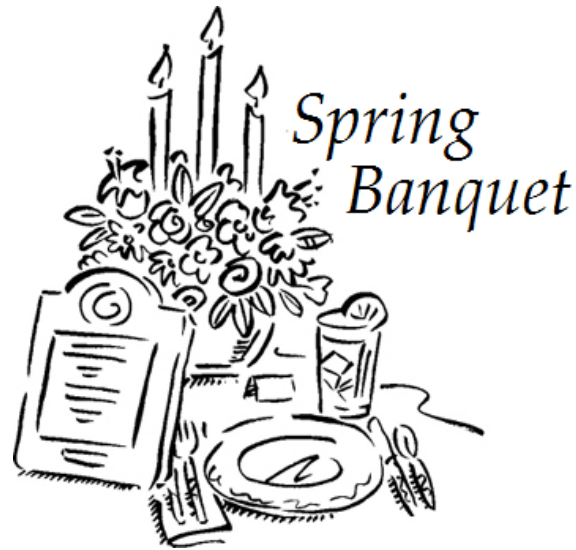
Waylon Smith
received the
Sacrament of
Baptism and
joined FPC on
Easter Sunday

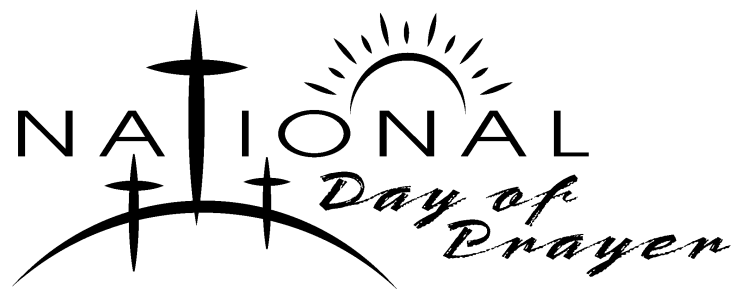


Thank You to all who took part in
our annual Spring Banquet.

It was a huge success!

We had great music, delicious
food, and contributed generously
to the food bank.





Thursday, May 6

The Sanctuary will be open from
12-1pm if anyone would like to join the
nation in prayer on this day.

Would you like to receive weekly
church emails?



We need your email address, so you can
be included in the FPC weekly news.
Email it to office@alexandriafpc.org



Wednesday Night Fellowship

This month our Wednesday Night Fellowship will begin on May 5th, with a covered dish meal at 5:45 pm, followed by a musical program featuring Lilly Yang as our guest musician.

May 12th we will have a Sandwich Dinner after which we will hold our regular monthly Committee Night meeting at 6:30 pm.

May 19th begins with a Chicken Dinner at 5:45 pm, and the Kennedy's will make a presentation at 6:30 pm on behalf of the Mission we support in South Africa.

May 26th, we'll have a covered dish meal at 5:45 pm, followed by a prayer meeting at 6:30 pm, and choir practice at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday Monitors

May 5th—Sharelle Herndon

May 12th—Annalize Benade

May 19th—Debbe Clegg

May 26th—Annalize Benade



Mother's Day May 9th

*This year we are planning a special
Mother's Day presentation during
worship.*

*Debbe Clegg is requesting you
bring her a picture of your mother
along with a word or phrase
to describe her.*

*You can bring this by the church
office or email it to Debbe at
dclegg3737@suddenlink.net*

May Responders

Communion Servers

Dave Conner
Matt Farrell
Jim Hockensmith

Monitors

2 Jim Hockensmith
9 Dirk Benade
16 John Martin
23 Barry Herndon
30 Jim Hockensmith

Greeters

2 Dirk Benade
John Martin
9 Stacey Brown
Elizabethte Kennedy
16 Gil Arnold
John Allen
23 Pat Turpin
Sonny Brown
30 Liz Magee
Barbara Ware



Ushers

2 Bob Kennedy
Stacey Brown
9 Jim & Stephanie Huffman
16 Jim Hockensmith
Nancy Davis
23 Dave Conner
Elizabethte Kennedy
30 Mac & Georgia McBurney

*"Come, go down to the potter's
house, and there I will let
you hear my words."*

Jeremiah 18:2

May Birthdays

Jeff Huffman	5/6
Debbie Rhame	5/12



**If you have a birthday in the month of May, and are not mentioned above please notify the office. We are currently in the process of updating our Member Profiles. Thanks!!*

Session Notes

APRIL

The session met on April 26, 2010. Rev. Julia Farrell opened the meeting with prayer. Her devotional was "Is this Normal" based on Acts 27:20-26. A discussion was held.

Members present were Annalize Benade, Dave Conner, Barry Herndon, and Emma Jean Huffman..

Members excused were Ed Ware and Wynn Ware.

A thank you note was received from the Thomas family thanking us for the Bible and CD with Bible stories Sarah received after her Baptism. An invitation was received from the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge to attend the ordination and installation of Janice L. Desterhaft as Associate Pastor on May 2, 2010, at 4 pm.

Jim Hockensmith presented the Financial Statement for January. He also stated that he had met with ACA on repairing the air conditioner. The compressor will be replaced. \$535.00 was sent to One Great Hour of Sharing.

The following activities are planned for May: 5th, music program presented by Lilly Yang of Louisiana College; 12th committee meetings; 19th the Kennedy's will give presentation on South Africa; 26th prayer meeting. Sandwich making for Huey P. Long hospital will be on the first Tuesday. Women's Circle will meet on the second Tuesday. Meal for Healthworx will be prepared on 3rd Tuesday. Men's breakfast and Bible study will be every Thursday morning. Session will meet on the 17th. John Allen will be having a class on scrapbook making the 4 Saturdays in May. Outside clean-up will be on the 8th from 8 to 12 pm.

Session Notes

APRIL (continued)

Wednesday nights will have monitors to come early to turn on the air conditioner, fix the coffee and start putting out items for dinners. Monitors will be Sharelle Herndon on the first Wednesday. Annalize Benade on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Debbie Clegg on the third Wednesday. Annalize Benade will make a check list for the monitors.

Door in sanctuary has been repaired. Dave Conner is continuing to work on outside planting. The session thanked Dave for getting the Easter lilies.

Delores McDaniel will be presented with a token of appreciation for her many years of dedicated service.

Rev. Farrell plans to have a church wide study beginning in June.

Rev. Farrell, Dee Arnold, Annalize Benade, and Sharelle Herndon attended the Women of Faith conference in Shreveport on April 22nd and 23rd.

We are without a secretary. Rev. Farrell is working with Pro Temp to find someone for this position.

Rev. Farrell stated the church's web-site has been purchased and should be up and running in the next few weeks. We will be using cloversites.com. It costs \$1000.00 to start and \$20.00 a month to maintain. Rev. Farrell is working on the design. This web-site will be maintained by Rev. Farrell. The church web-site will be www.alexandriafpc.org. The church's e-mail is office@alexandriafpc.org. Pastor Julia's e-mail is pastorjulia@alexandriafpc.org.

Session Notes

APRIL (continued)

Pink carnations will be given to the women on Mother's Day. Debbie Clegg will create a presentation for Mother's Day.

By common consent the session agreed to do new church directory. Membership directory will be up dated quarterly.

Communion was served at Kingsley Place on Easter Sunday. Communion will continue to be served at Kingsley Place on the first Sunday of the month. Elders serving communion need to be at the church by 8:30 am to prepare.

Rev. Farrell stated April 18th was her 6 month anniversary at the church. She expressed her appreciation to the session for their support. The session feels the congregation is getting more involved under her leadership. We are starting to function as a church.

Maintenance work will be done on the floor in the sanctuary and narthex.

Rev. Farrell adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Emma Jean Huffman
Clerk of Session

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Service Times

Sunday School – 9:45 am
Worship – 11:00 am

Wednesday Nights

Dinner – 5:45 pm
Programs – 6:30 pm